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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MAJEED ET AL.

Examiner

Carlos A. Azpuru

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 12-19 and 29-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8, 14, 18, 29, 30, 32, 35, 39 and 40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 31 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 19, 22, 36-38 and 41-43 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the election filed 03/03/2005.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 31, 33, 34, 36-38, 41-43 in the reply filed on 03/03/2005 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7, 31, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Heymsfield et al (Reference AM).

Heymsfield et al disclose that Garcinia Cambogia extract can be used both to lower weight and fat mass (See Context, page 1596). Protocols for feeding the extract are set out at page 1597, column 1, first full paragraph. While the reference does not set out the combination of both hydroxycitric acid and garcinol, the extract of the Garcinia cambogia plant contains both substances. Since the independent claim does not set out that each compound is extracted from the fruit, the fruit extract would inherently contain both compounds. Both are obviously found in effective amounts given the results of the study. As such, the claims are clearly anticipated by Heymsfield et al.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oruto Corp (reference AN).

Oruto Corp disclose the use of an extract of Garcinia cambogia for treating obesity. As above, the extract would inherently contain both hydroxycitric acid and garcinol. The instant claim is anticipated by Oruto Corp.

Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 33, 36, 37, 38, 41-43 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Alviar et al is cited for its inclusion of Garcinia cambogia extract in diet compositions.

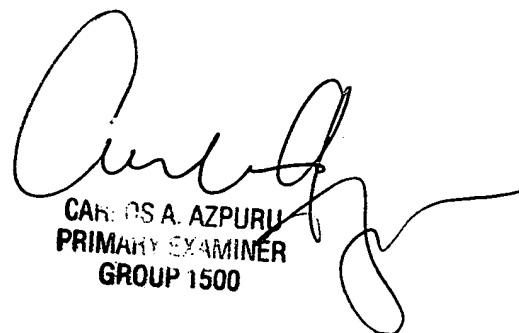
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Azpuru whose telephone number is (571) 272-0588. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Fri, 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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